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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG MEETS AGAIN WITH SWAPO'S SAM
NUJOMA

1. AMB YOUNG, AMB LOW, AND DON PETTERSON MET WITH
SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM JUNOMA MAY 23 IN LUSAKA AT AMB
LOW'S RESIDENCE. NUJOMA WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY
FIVE SWAPO OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SWAPO'S NEW YORK
REPRESENTATIVE BEN-GURIRAB.

2. NUJOMA RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO AMB YOUNG'S
REQUEST THAT SWAPO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US SO THEY
CAN BE INFORMED OF WHAT THE CONTACT GROUP IS DOING.
NUJOMA SAID WE SHOULD TALK TO SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES IN
NEW YORK AND LUSAKA. HOWEVER, SINCE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
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SWAPO ARE PARTS OF A SINGLE ORGANIZATION, THERE IS
NO NEED FOR THE CONTACT GROUP TO TALK TO SWAPO
PEOPLE IN WINDHOLK. HE POINTEDLY SAID, "WE WILL
LET THEM KNOW," WHAT THE CONTACT GROUP IS DOING.

3. AMB YOUNG TOLD NUJOMA THAT THE WESTERN

FIVE HAD TAKEN THEIR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE
BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE
BASICS OF SC RESOLUTION 385 WITHOUT OUR
PRESSURE. AND IF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION
IS REACHED, WESTERN FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FOR UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE
ELECTORAL PROCESS COULD BE NEEDED. NUJOMA
DISAGREED WITH THIS, SAYING THAT OTHERS, ESPECIALLY
NIGERIA, COULD PAY THE COSTS.

4. NUJOMA MADE A NUMBER OF OTHER POINTS:

-- THE WEST MUST KEEP UP THE PRESSURE
ON VORSTER TO ACCEPT UN ROLE. VORSTER WANTS TO EXCLUDE
THE UN, AND SWAPO WILL NOT ACCPET THIS. (WE ASSURED
HIM THAT NEITHER WOULD WE).
--AS LONG AS SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ARE IN NAMIBIA,
SWAPO WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT.
--HE WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MONDALE-
VORSTER TALKS THAN WAS IN THE NEWSPAPERS.
(BECAUSE WE HAD NOT SEEN CABLE REPORTS ON THE
MEETING,WE WERE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM THE
INFORMATION HE WANTED.)
-- THE FIVE POWERS MUST CREATE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED. NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD FOCUS ON THE QUESTION OF A CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE
AUTHORITY, ITS ROLE BEFORE ELECTIONS, AND THE FRAMEWORK FOR
THE ELECTIONS THEMSELVES.

5. AMB YOUNG SAID THESE LATTER CONSIDERATIONS COULD BE
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DISCUSSED DURING THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN THE CONTACT GROUP
AND THE SAG. THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SWAPO LET US
KNOW WHAT ITS POSITION IS REGARDING THEM.

6. AMB YOUNG NOTED THAT VORSTER HAS SAID THAT IF ANY NAMIBIAN
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA OR NAMIBIA ARE RELEASED,
NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA MUST
ALSO BE RELEASED. NUJOMA STATED THAT THIS WAS OUT OF THE
QUESTION: "WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CONDITIONS BY VORSTER."
MOREOVER, "EVERY SOVEREIGN STATE, LIKE ZAMBIA, HAS THE RIGHT
TO DETAIN WHOMEVER IT WANTS."

7. COMMENT: NUJOMA'S COMMENTS POINT TO THE DIFFICULTIES
WHICH LIE AHEAD IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT
REJECTED OUR INITIATIVE AND IS WILLING TO REMAIN IN TOUCH.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO FILL
IN NUJOMA ON THE TALKS BETWEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT AND VORSTER
ON THE SUBJECT OF NAMIBIA. REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE

EMBASSY LUSAKA WITH NECESSARY TALKING POINTS.
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